Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 08 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 09 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 07 Jan 2023 at 14:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Sunday. High for cold and unsettled weather well into next week with snow at times

Headline for Sunday 08 Jan 2023: Cold and stormy with sleet and snow showers, heavy and prolonged in the north later

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Storm force winds
High Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow showers	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	40%	30%	30%	40%	60%	60%	30%

Forecast for Sunday 08 Jan 2023

Weather: Occasional sleet, snow and hail showers, these most frequent and heaviest across Argyll and southern Lochaber. More prolonged spells of sleet and snow, heavy at times, will develop across Argyll and southern Lochaber through the afternoon. Showers becoming less widespread in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance will be south of the Central Belt. A lot of cloud shrouding the summits expected in the north from mid-morning onwards

Low Cloud and visibility: Generally very good with great air clarity. Becoming poor in low cloud down to 600 metres and in snow, whiteout conditions developing at times especially across Lochaber and Argyll.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	47/60 S	58/75 S	57/73 S	55/71 S	52/68 S	38/50 S	25/35 S	21/28 S	18/24 SW
900	33/45 S	39/55 S	40/55 S	38/53 S	36/50 S	28/40 S	19/29 SW	15/23 SW	12/18 SW
600	43/54 S	51/66 S	51/65 S	48/62 S	47/61 S	37/48 S	23/32 S	16/23 SW	13/18 SW
300	24/37 S	28/44 S	28/43 S	28/42 S	27/41 S	20/33 S	14/24 S	9/16 S	7/14 SW
Glen	17/36 S	20/42 S	21/44 S	20/41 S	19/39 S	17/34 S	11/24 SW	8/18 SW	6/13 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-13	-4/-15	-4/-16	-5/-17	-4/-16	-4/-14	-3/-12	-3/-10	-3/-10
900	-0/-8	-1/-10	-2/-11	-2/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-1/-8	-1/-6	-1/-6
600	2/-6	2/-7	1/-8	0/-9	1/-8	1/-7	2/-5	2/-4	1/-4
300	4/-2	4/-2	4/-3	3/-4	2/-4	3/-3	4/-1	3/0	3/0
Glen	6/2	6/2	6/1	5/0	5/-0	5/0	5/2	5/2	4/2
Freezing Level*	900m	800m	600m	600m	600m	700m	800m	800m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe gale or storm force winds expected across all ranges leading to severe wind chill and a risk of being blown over. Whiteout conditions with drifting snow expected at times chiefly across Argyll and southern Lochaber. Gusts to 75 mph expected across the Nevis ranges in the morning.

Forecast for Monday 09 Jan 2023

Weather: Sunny intervals and occasional snow showers at first. Strengthening westerly winds will bring more frequent and occasionally heavy sleet, snow and hail showers by late morning, these lasting into the afternoon. Showers easing after dark.

Maximum wind: Westerly 25 mph gusts 45 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%,

Low Cloud and visibility: Very good visibility with great air clarity, becoming poor for a time as showers pass by with cloud lowering to 750 metres.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to 4 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 to 1000 metres

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